manufacturers of edible oils/vanaspati have been reduced.

(2) Permission for usage of 20 per cent expeller mustard oil in the manufacture of vanaspati has been withdrawn w.e.f. 1-8-91.

(3) RBI has frozen cash credit limits for working capital.

(4) Basket for usage of rebateable oils have been expanded by the addition of solvent extracted sesame oil and salseed fat.

(5) For augmenting the availability and acceptability of edible oils, blending of one conventional edible oil with one refined nonconventional oil (like soyabean, cottonseed and safflower) has been permitted.

(6) Government has directed all State Governments and UTs to have strict surveillance on the availability and prices of edible oils and also to undertake dehoarding operations.

(7) Edible oils have been exempted from the recent freight hike as propsoed in Railway Budget for 1991-92.

(8) Vegetable oils have been exempted from the levy of excise duties altogether.

Small scale units in consumer goods market

1510. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the small scale industry units will be encouraged to widen its scope to meet the needs of consumer goods in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): As per Gazette Notification No. S.O. 232 (E) dated 2nd April, 1991 Govt. have *inter alia* enhanced the limit of investment in fixed assets in plant and machinery of small scale industrial undertaking from Rs. 35 lakhs to Rs. 60 lakhs and that of ancillary industrial undertaking from Rs. 45 lakhs to Rs. 75 lakhs. In the policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises laid in Parliament on 6-8-91, a number of facilities and incentive to small scale industrial units have been mentioned. These measures are intended to encourage and widen the scope of small scale industrial units including those manufacturing consumer goods in India.

पूर्व प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा आम चुनाव के दौरान भारतीय वायु सेना के वायुयानों, हेलीकॉप्टरों का प्रयोग

1511. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
कुमारी आलि या :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अभी हाल ही में सम्पन्न हुये आम चुनाव के दौरान पूर्व प्रधान मंत्री तथा उपप्रधान मंत्री द्वारा चुनाव प्रचार हेतु कितने घंटों के लिये भारतीय वायुसेना के वायुयानों और हेलीकॉप्टरों का प्रयोग किया गया;

(ख) इन वायुयानों तथा हेलीकॉप्टरों के प्रयोग के परिणामस्वरूप भारतीय वायुसेना को कुल कितनी धनराशि दी जानी थी;

(ग) क्या यह राशि वसूल कर ली गई है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में हुए विलम्ब के क्या कारण है; और

(ङ) इस धनराशि की शीघ्र वसूली के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) और (ङ)